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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Air Support Branch, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Requirement for Possible Air Resupply of [ ] 25X1C  
Insurgents

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1. [ ] who is now Chief of Operations for [ ]  
called me this morning to ask for a DPD paper on our capability to supply  
by air [ ] insurgents reported to be hiding in the hills following the  
[ ] He says that in view of highest level  
interest in this question, [ ] has been called upon to provide an Agency  
position with the understanding that no action can be taken without highest  
level political approvals. 25X1C

2. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would bring together a brief  
paper on DPD's air resupply capability based upon the following set of assump-  
tions:

a. Arms and ammunition in as yet undisclosed quantities may 25X1C  
have to be air dropped into remote mountain areas of the [ ]  
[ ]

b. The only air bases available for such air resupply would  
be U. S. owned; i.e., either Round Robin from a ZI military base  
or one-way drops staged from a ZI base terminating after drop in  
the U. S. base, i.e., [ ]

c. Drops would be by night at [ ]

d. The question of marked or unmarked aircraft has not been  
resolved at this stage, but in view of the assumption that U. S.  
military bases can be used, the question of U. S. military markings  
does not appear to be material; in other words, I infer that USAF  
markings could be used.

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25X1C 3. I believe this need only be a preliminary estimate of our capability, having to do for example with the maximum number of flights which could be staged from say [ ] in a given night. You might also treat our capability to carry on sustained air drops of this sort; i.e., for what length period could a maximum effort be mounted in view of our present limitations on aircraft and manpower? You may wish to fudge a bit on the question of numbers of aircraft available, since if this requirement is to materialize at all, it appears likely it will do so in the very near future before we have given back all the C-54's which were borrowed from [ ]

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